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Re:

Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/050,600

Our Reference:

YAM.046

Dear Examiner Hartman:

Enclosed is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 24, 2008.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

Joseph P. Houtka, Esq. Sean M. McGinn, Esq.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed July 24, 2008, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are shown begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.